

House Resolution No. 3180

Whereas, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Pemiscot County R-III School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty in July 2004, with the retirement of Martha Mae Powell Thompson who has devoted over five decades of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Martha Thompson has taught for more than fifty-one years at Pemiscot County R-III, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Martha Thompson's undertakings include serving as a second grade teacher in the Cooter R-IV School District for one year and as a special education and second grade teacher in the Pemiscot County R-III School District for fifty-one years; and

Whereas, Martha Thompson has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Martha Thompson has supported her profession as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association and Tri-District Educators; and

Whereas, a member of the Eastwood Memorial Methodist Church, Martha Thompson has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, John H. Thompson, Jr.; three children, Richard Lynn Thompson, Mary Ruth Thompson, and Elizabeth Ann Thompson; one daughter-in-law, Jackie Thompson; one son-in-law, Mack Young; and three grandchildren, Jamie Lynn Thompson, Madison Young, and Mackie Young;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Pemiscot County R-III School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Martha Thompson has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Martha Mae Powell Thompson, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3180, adopted May 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker